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ASSESSING QUALITY OF BIOMETRIC DEVICES
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a national facility for assessing quality of biometric devices for Unique Identification Number applications will be set up apart from infrastructure in some cities like Uttar Pradesh and other states:

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the amount spent for this purpose;

(c) the way in which the facility will be useful to the people in each State; and

(d) the present status of the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCE (DR. ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a): No, Madam. Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 2nd July'2010 with Standardization Testing and Quality Certificate Directorate (STQC), an attached office of Department of Information and Technology, Ministry of Communication and Technology to ensure quality of Bio-metric devices and their compliance with UIDAI requirement. Electronic Test and Development

(ETDC), Mohali a leading laboratory of STQC is presently undertaking bio-metric devices testing and certification for assessing quality.

(b) to (d): Do not arise.